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Application No. 08/935,629

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TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Commissioner for Patents
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Message:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT and an attached DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132 in response to the Office action dated 02/22/00.

Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the action for three months.

Submitted herewith is a check made out to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for \$444 calculated as follows: \$435 to cover the cost of the extension of time and \$9 for one additional claim above the 23 total previously paid for. The number of independent claims equals 4, which is the number of independent claims already paid for.

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